



Request for Expedited Procedure  
Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Group Art Unit: 3682  
Docket No.: X2007.0139

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Toru Makino et al.

Application No.: 10/653,994

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Art Unit: 3682

For: STEERING AND PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREFOR

Examiner: V. Luong

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 4-15, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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